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General Counsel's Office,

My name is Jamie Jacob Morgan. I briefly ran for Congress in Michigan's Ninth Twelfth District. I was attending law school and working at the Oakland County Court House when my response to world events set me along that path.

After being turned down by qualified treasurers, my brother helped me out by joining as my treasurer. John Morgan was not involved in the campaign; he simply helped me when nobody else would.

The complaints that have been received by your office are completely justified. As a matter of fact, these letters are from my past co-workers, many of whom helped on the campaign, as displayed through their statements that they did contribute. Furthermore, I contacted most of these individuals when I withdrew from the campaign, to let them know that I had messed up the filings and was in contact with the FEC. It is my understanding, after talking to some of them recently, that they wanted something on file in case they ran for political office in the future.

I attempted wholeheartedly to accomplish this. When I dropped out of the race, I contacted the FEC the day after I saw how bad our report had been blundered. This is completely my fault. I had a program that I had been using that held mailing dates, call dates, total amounts allowed, amounts received, and all pertinent information together. This information became a jumbled mess when I attempted to transfer it to the FEC's database. I had problems with the program. I had problems with a computer virus that was freezing my systems and sending everyone I knew bad e-mails. I attempted to fix the report during the 15 day amendment phase, but could not because the system would not accept overlapping dates. So I filed for termination. I knew that I had made the mistake, and did not want to answer for this on the campaign trail, or mislead anyone. I had not been campaigning as much as I should have been because my mother had grown ill, and I decided that this was a clear sign that I should get out of the race. I did that immediately.

My computer was completely locked up at this point because of a "klez virus" I had received through our campaign site. My computer was completely static; I couldn't even shut it off. As I told the FEC later, I rebooted the entire system, resulting in a loss of everything, including my previous FEC reports. Little did I know that I couldn't retrieve the database from the FEC site.

I again turned to the kind staff at the FEC for guidance. I was instructed to re-enter the previous information, minus the totals, to make sure "it came out around even", and re-file for termination. I did just that. It took many amendments because my reports had been flawed from day one, and I had lost all of the information I had previously entered.

I will accept any conciliation or ADR possible. Trust me, I no longer have political ambitions, and I have a new respect for those in office. I just want to do what it takes to move on with my life. I acknowledge that myself and my staff misunderstood and poorly applied FEC rules. I do not plan on ever running again, but if I was ever

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involved again, I myself and members of any staff that I was with would request to attend an FEC sponsored campaign finance seminar

I am sorry that I attempted this run for congress. I was not as prepared as I had hoped, and now feel that 26 years of age is too young for a Congressional run I will do anything to get this behind me

Sincerely,



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